

Harpswell Conservation Commission

Minutes for March 3, 2009 Workshop

Municipal Office Building, 263 Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine 04079

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maryann Nahf at 3:10 PM.

Members present: Maryann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Anne Perry, Tony Barrett, Burr Taylor, Don Jones

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

Absent: Ann Nemrow,

Minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Space Plan

1. **Publicity.** TV show was taped just prior to this meeting, with Tony, Maryann, Deirdre, and Dave Chipman. Ten questions were addressed and slides from the PP presentation shown. Show will be broadcast several times before TM (times TBA). Concerns: Deirdre pointed out that we should not say the Plan would not lead to some controls NOT voluntary, eg. the state mandated vernal pools restriction. The Plan reinforces some existing restrictions such as those applying to the RP zone. Carol said Deb Turner had asked about the need for a Plan when we already had tax relief for open space. Need to clarify this and that the Plan is NOT rezoning, and NOT an ordinance, although it MAY lead to changes in an ordinance. Anne will write an OpEd from HCC to send around for additions and corrections, to be submitted to Kristi/ selectmen for approval by this Thursday. Maryann rewrote parts of Appendix 16 "High Value Habitat" and 5C on Focus Areas to better the categories shown on BWH Map #2 on which the FAs are based.
2. **Town Meeting Table.** Set-up will be Friday at 3:30 PM. Don will see about getting a sample compost bin. Anne will bring copies of Adopt-a-Road sign-up sheets. OSP materials ; Q&A flyer, poster of developed/undeveloped land in Harpswell?

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deirdre sent information on a Shoreland Zoning Webinar starting 3/9 sponsored by MEACC, which will cover the state-mandated revision of SLZ ordinances. HCC members can join the "conversation" by logging on to register at www.meacc.net/forum.

Adjourned 4:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Perry, Secretary.

Regular March meeting: 3/17. Workshop: 3/10. All at 3:00 pm.

Other scheduled items:

-Town Meeting. 3/14

- Vernal Pool Training on site (second phase, in Yarmouth) 4/19, 3-5 PM.